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Re: Your letter dated August 21, 2000

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have been asked to respond to your letter dated August 21, 2000. You misunderstand Ms. Loveall's earlier response to you. The Department is not denying you access to public records, which, incidently, is the language used in section 610.026, RSMo. In fact, you were and are given access to the Mid-States Paint & Chemical Company file maintained by the Department's Hazardous Waste Program.

Since your earlier correspondence states your belief certain of the documents contained in that file were not provided to you in response to an earlier Sunshine Law request, we are simply asking that you come into the Department offices on Elm Street and review the file yourself. That way, you may then request copies of the documents you wish. The Department will, of course, furnish copies as provided for by the statute. (While you do request certain, specific documents, you also make a generalized request for any documents filed after a certain date. In order to protect both our interests, we believe you should come into the office and review the file there.)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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